

REMARKS

Receipt is acknowledged of the Office Action of August 26, 2003.

Claims 1 - 10 were presented for examination. Claims 1 - 5 and 10 have been withdrawn from further consideration in this application as being to a non-elected invention.

Claims 6 - 9 have been examined and claims 6 - 8 have been rejected and claim 9 indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Claims 7 and 8 have also been objected to for certain "informalities." Claims 7 and 8 have been amended as suggested by the examiner to overcome the noted objection

Claim 6 has also been amended formally only, while claim 9 has been replaced with new claim 11, which is claims 6 and 9 combined. Accordingly, new claim 11 is believed to be allowable in accordance with the examiner's indication.

Claims 6 and 7 have also been rejected as anticipated under 35 USC 102(b) by Cross et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Aside from the fact that Cross et al and the present invention are totally unrelated as to what is being cut, the devices when compared show a number of structural differences as well. As one example, which should be sufficient to distinguish the invention over Cross et al, claim 6 defines "a front movable blade part" and "a rear movable blade part." The examiner states that this structure is shown in Fig. 11 of Cross et al, although applicant cannot detect any comparable structure. The front and rear movable blade parts move relative to each other as well as relative to the front and rear stationary edges. Applicants do not see this arrangement of structure in Cross et al. Accordingly, Cross et al cannot, it is respectfully submitted, anticipate

claims 6, or claim 7 which depends from claim 6.

Claim 8 is rejected as unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Cross et al in view of JP 2218509. This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

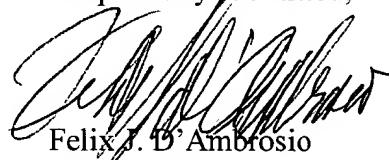
The examiner cites JP 2218509 for teaching miter-cutting edges. Even with this teaching, however, the defect noted above regarding Cross et al still stands and is not altered in any way by JP 2218509. Since claim 8 depends from claim 6, it, like claim 6 defines over Cross et al, and this definition is not adversely affected by the teaching of JP 221859 because JP 2218509 also lacks the distinction noted above regarding Cross et al.

Claims 6-8 are believed to be allowable over the art of record as is new claim 11.

The specification has been amended as suggested by the examiner. In addition, a proposal to amend the drawings is being submitted herewith in a separate letter to the official draftsman.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and re-examination are respectfully requested and claims 6-8 and 11 found allowable.

Respectfully submitted,



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